



PARKS & RECREATION BOARD-CITY OF GAINESVILLE  
MEETING MINUTES

The Parks & Recreation board met for a monthly meeting on March 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gainesville Civic Center.

**Members Present:** Dick Haayen, Matthew Compton, Latecia Hendricks, Martin Phillips, Joseph Christian, Paula Moore, Joanie Jones

**Members Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Kevin Gann, Hayley Skinner, Zenia Cruz

**Guests Present:**

#### **ACTION**

A quorum was present.

The First item was to approve November 28, 2023 minutes. Dick Haayen made the motion to accept and Paula Moore second the motion. Passed with unanimous consent.

Recognition of Citizens with Non-Agenda items- None

#### **DISCUSSION**

Kevin Gann introduced himself and got to know the board a bit.

Martin discussed how we need to narrow down a specific list of three things that we like to be done in the near future.

Members asked about budget and how much we had to use for these upcoming projects.

Kevin was asked what he sees in the parks that needs immediate help. One was Leonard Park needs more parking spots. Like putting gravel down by the Train barn and old jail. Second is Kenesto with many improvements needed such as lighting for a growing league. Third walking trails, the benches are higher than they should be, and maybe adding some wild flower patches along the way.

Members discussed about asking or reaching out to the County for help with some of the renovations such as Kenesto with the lights being needed for Cooke County Soccer Association which majority of participants live outside the city.

Members asked about Leonard Park Playground and Pavilions. Kevin mentioned that he had no big plans just maintenance.

Members then discussed what would be best as far as how big they would like their projects and it was mentioned that they should focus on bigger projects and let Parks & Recreation Department handle the regular maintenance.

After much discussion projects that will be focusing on is Edison Park. Kenesto and Jaycee Park Playground. Members have been assigned to each project and will be following up next meeting.

Board members decided to schedule the next Parks Board meeting for April 16, 2024 at 6 PM at the Gainesville Civic Center.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, March 26, 2024

Zenia Cruz  
Administrative Assistant  
Parks and Recreation Department

  
Martin Phillips  
Chairman

  
Date